

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Cafero Named to Courage To Speak Advisory Board**



#### *Deputy Republican Leader to Host Annual Event*

HARTFORD – State Rep. Lawrence F. Cafero Jr. of Norwalk, the House Republican Deputy Leader has been named to The Courage to Speak Inc., Advisory Board and will provide leadership to the drug-free youth group

whose goal is to keep young people away from substance abuse.

Cafero has also been named as the group's master of ceremonies for its annual Family Night event March 7 at the West Rocks Middle School in Norwalk. The snow date is March 14.

"I'm honored to serve in an advisory capacity for this terrific organization. I have worked with The Courage to Speak in the past and look forward to being even more involved," Cafero said.

The Courage to Speak Inc., was founded by its President Ginger Katz to empower young people to live drug free, following the tragic overdose death of her son Ian James Eaccarino nearly a decade ago. Cafero has played a leading role in the legislature in promoting legislation that deals with making young people safer through such issues as stiffening penalties for driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Promoting healthy family environments and lifestyles is something Cafero said he takes seriously.

"Whether it is mentoring programs or getting involved with organizations such as The Courage to Speak, it is important to create positive environments for our young people. The investments we make in our young people will pay tremendous dividends down the line. We can save lives," Cafero said.